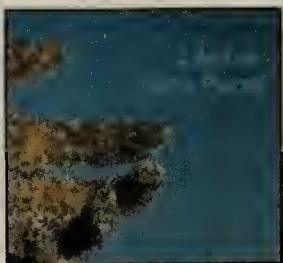




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Climate expert visits PUC

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

A tall, slender man in a dark, pressed suit walked into a conference room in The Center last Wednesday evening. Despite his youthful appearance, he is considered by many to be the foremost expert in his field; the field of climate change research.

Dr. Noah Diffenbaugh spoke to a crowd of about 50 people as part of the Purdue Alumni Association's Platinum Speakers Series.

Diffenbaugh's presentation was especially appropriate considering the public debate over global warming and climate change raging on Capitol Hill and across the nation recently.

However, Diffenbaugh said while there may be a debate in common society, there is no scientific debate over whether or not global warming is taking place. He presented graphs illustrating the significant rise in greenhouse gases over the past 100 years in comparison with levels of the previous 1000 years. In other words, greenhouse gas emissions have dramatically risen since the industrial revolution.

"Humans are the predominant driver of global warming," said Diffenbaugh.

Diffenbaugh received his Ph. D. from the University of California, Santa Cruz and is a



Chronicle photo by Bradley Ehrhardt

Dr. Noah Diffenbaugh explains his climate change model as Purdue main campus alumnus Dave Koester looks on. Diffenbaugh's model predicts a potential for dramatic climate change over the next century.

member of both the Purdue Climate Change Research Center and the Climate and Earth System Dynamics Group. He is an assistant professor of Earth and atmospheric sciences at Purdue West Lafayette.

Diffenbaugh and his research team, which includes Purdue's Robert J. Trapp, Jeremy S. Pal and Filippo Giorgi of the Abdus Salam International Center for

Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy, have devised the most complete climate model to date.

The climate model, which was run on

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New software offers resume building, networking

KATIE ABASCAL
Assistant News Editor

Students who have met their social desires from www.facebook.com or www.myspace.com can now reach their professional needs through www.epsilen.com. Created at IUPUI, Epsilen Environment Version 6 allows students to create accounts and display their ePortfolios for future employers.

"Epsilen was created to be the next solution for the teaching and learning environment," said Professor of Computer and Information Technology, Adjunct Professor of Informatics and Director of IUPUI Cyberlab Ali Jafari. "It is a combination of methods used in both Facebook and WebCT."

Creating an account on Epsilen can prove useful in more ways than one. Students can develop a personal homepage used for posting information to allow networking and collaborative learning. By creating an ePortfolio, students can compile examples of their work, list objectives for their career and display resumes. From there, students are able to send their ePortfolio web address to employers.

"As a student moves closer to graduation time, changes and updates can be made on their Epsilen website," said Jafari.

Epsilen also allows students to keep the same web address after graduating or transferring to another school.

Faculty members are encouraged to be a part of Epsilen as well. On the site, they can find colleagues in the same research, interest and teaching fields. Through them, faculty members have the opportunity to share peer reviews, find partners to conduct research projects with, or meet someone who may want to co-write a book.

"Epsilen can be used in the same way as a toolbox. Just as a person uses specific tools in the toolbox to fix a certain problem, students and faculty can use the different tools on Epsilen to master their unique needs," said Jafari.

Just as changes are made on Facebook from time to time, changes will be made to Epsilen. Changes may consist of various upgrades and new tools, as well as a cost to become a member.

For the first year, Epsilen offers a free trial membership to new members. When Epsilen becomes commercial, it is anticipated that there will be a required fee in order to have an account. It is undecided whether the fee will be paid by the individual or by the individual's school.

"No Door Closed" opens door to discussion

MIKE DUFFY
Cub Reporter

One and a half million Americans possess some form of autism, according to the Autism Society of America.

On April 6, the Women's Studies department hosted two guest speakers, Mary Anne Neiner and Majia Nadesan, experts in the field of autism, in a discussion "No Door Closed: Rethinking Autism."

Nadesan, of Arizona State University and the mother of an autistic son, is the author of "Constructing Autism." She recounted a brief history of autism, defining it as a life-long developmental disability marked by a difficulty or inability to verbally communicate. It is also described as difficulty with certain thought processes and inability to engage in reciprocal social interaction, according to the ASA.

As stated by Nadesan, the medical view of autism has gone through phases. She said

that in 1943, Leo Kanner of Johns Hopkins Hospital defined autism as a form of childhood schizophrenia, at least for those children who lacked language. Around the same time, Hans Asperger conducted research and coined the term "autistic psychopathy," underscoring his belief that autism was a personality disorder.

After WWII and into the 1970s, the Refrigerator Mothers Thesis was articulated. The thesis speculated that children's egos were malformed by mothers who lacked parenting skills. PBS offers a documentary on the thesis and its legacy.

Current thinking focuses on bio-genetics and the desire to find suspect genes, although an individual may carry suspect genes and not have autism. The ASA asserts that autism is not a mental disorder, unlike previously suggested, and that autism - or the potential to develop it - is present at birth. Not one cause for autism has been discovered, although it occurs more often among individuals with other medical conditions,

such as Fragile X syndrome, tuberous sclerosis, congenital rubella syndrome and untreated phenylketonuria.

Again, environmental factors are considered possible triggers for autism. Toxins ingested by pregnant mothers could be to blame. One audience member claimed, the contents of vaccines could be a contributing problem. Thimerosal, 50 percent mercury and formerly used as an ingredient in vaccines, has been the source of much controversy. Thimerosal has been "phased out" of vaccines since 1999, although it is still present in flu shots which are sometimes administered to babies, according to www.CBSNews.com. Nadesan pointed out that mercury cannot explain every onset of autism, particularly those that occurred long before mercury was ever used in vaccines. Chelation, a detoxification process designed

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Correction:

In the March 27 issue of *The Chronicle* The Police Beat, which is provided to *The Chronicle* by the university police department, stated Siddharth Mishra left his car doors unlocked the evening his vehicle was broken into. During our investigation, *The Chronicle* found the police report stated that Mishra's doors were locked that night.

Chief Stephen J. Chaddock said this discrepancy was due to a typo.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

7 REASONS TO REGISTER EARLY FOR NEXT SEMESTER

Early registration for the summer session and fall semester has begun. There are several good reasons why you might want to consider registering early. Here are seven:

1. Since it's first-come, first-served, you have a better chance of getting the classes you want next semester by registering early.
2. Consider those long Open Registration lines. They don't exist during Early Registration.
3. Those of you on our FACTS Interest-Free Tuition Payment Plan can spread your payments over a longer period of time if you register early.
4. Likewise, the earlier you register the sooner you can finalize financial aid arrangements.
5. Did we mention that taking advantage of Early Registration typically lends itself to greater ease and convenience when arranging a meeting with your advisor?
6. Finalizing next semester's class schedule early also affords you the opportunity to schedule your job and personal schedules around it.
7. Finally, taking advantage of Early Registration helps academic departments identify and respond to possible staffing needs.

It's your call, but we suggest that you think early. For more information, contact the Office of the Registrar, 989-2210; from a campus phone, ext. 2210; or in the Enrollment Services Center (Lawshe Hall-130).

AN URGENT REMINDER!!!

Please complete the National Survey of Student Engagement questionnaire

Did you receive the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) questionnaire? If so, please complete and return it ASAP! The NSSE organization sent surveys to approximately 2,100 Purdue Calumet students (1,050 freshmen and 1,050 seniors) in mid-February.

NSSE is a national survey in which more than 160,000 college students participate. Your participation is very important and greatly appreciated.

The information gathered from the survey will influence and help shape future policy, functions and activities at Purdue Calumet. Do not miss this opportunity to contribute to the future of Purdue Calumet and your fellow students.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the university's Office of Planning and Institutional Research at 219-989-4185 or simply calling ext. 4185 from a campus phone or by e-mail at opir@calumet.purdue.edu.

What's Goin' On?

A look around

UPS Music Lunch Series

UPS and Student Life & Activities presents music performer Michael Warren on Tuesday April 18 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union Library Calumet Falls Lounge.

Free Seminars

The Fitness Center is offering free seminars in Final Tune-up for the Spring Fling April 12, Bike Mechanics 101 May 18 and Four Steps to a Great Golf Swing May 24.

All seminars will be located in the FRC building Room 129 and begin at 7 p.m.

Please call 989-2175 or e-mail the Fitness Center to sign up for these seminars. Seating is limited.

Poetry Session

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures presents Todos Somos Poetas (We are all Poets) with Nicaraguan Guest Poet Christian Santos on Saturday April 22 at 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Student Union Library Building-150D (Room with a View).

For more information about Todos Somos Poetas or our guest poet, visit www.calumet.purdue.edu/foreign/tsp/index.html.

Federal Work Study Funds

The Center for Career and Leadership Development is making summer funds available starting May 15. Students must be enrolled in three or more credit hours.

For more information, contact Cathy Taylor, student employment coordinator, at 989-4119.

End of Semester Relief Efforts

Interested in helping with Hurricane Katrina relief efforts? Join students and faculty in Ocean Springs, Mississippi from May 22 to May 28. Transportation and housing is provided.

For more information, go to www.corebasecamp.com, or email PUChurricanerelief@hotmail.com.

Leave your name and phone number at the PUC fitness center desk in the Fitness and Recreation Center Building.

SHPE Weekly Meetings

The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will hold weekly meetings in the Potter Building room 334 on Wednesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

All majors and groups are welcome. Come and learn how to be successfully professional.

Calling All Artists

Submission requests for juried fine art gallery exhibit. Submission deadline for "Artifacts of Region Women 2006," tri-county traveling gallery exhibit, is April 19.

This exhibit aims to highlight the experience of women in the Region. This show is not limited to female artists.

To receive an application and exhibit information, please contact Tina Rongers, project manager, at (219) 616-7147, e-mail regionwomeninitiative@hotmail.com or visit www.regionwomeninitiative.org.

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Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. *The Chronicle* does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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supercomputers at Purdue, analyzed weather patterns across the country, but not globally. It takes into account factors that have never before been considered with previous models like snow reflecting solar energy back into space and mountain ranges blocking weather fronts from traveling across them.

The model paints a very different climatic picture for many regions. Diffenbaugh said that as far as climate goes, the north east US will be a great place for a vineyard in 100 years and water may be in even more scarce supply in the southwest.

"Buy real estate in Alberta," said Diffenbaugh. "In a couple decades, it should be nice."

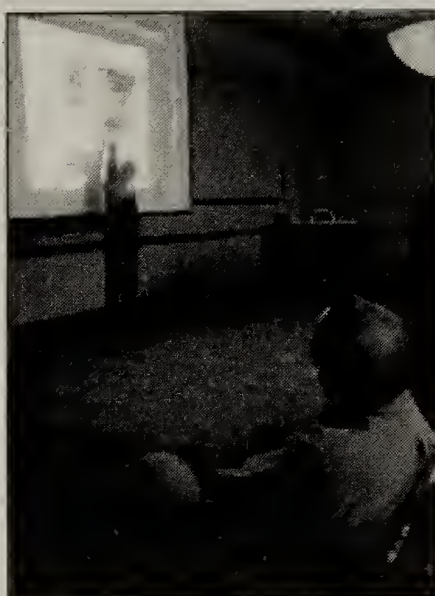
The model projects a climate change that will result in the hottest 18 days of the year at the very least doubling in frequency, meaning the temperatures on the hottest 18 days will last 36 days. Diffenbaugh chose Phoenix as an example of regions where a 500 percent increase, or 80 to 90 days per year, is possible.

Diffenbaugh explained his thoughts on how the economy could be effected, considering the amount of water and energy needed for cooling in the summer.

"I'm no economist," said Diffenbaugh. "But I'm pretty sure a 500 percent increase in the hottest days of the year will cost money."

But Diffenbaugh is not a doomsayer or conspiracy theorist. He jokingly explained that he knows President George W. Bush is not responsible for Katrina developing into a Category 5 hurricane and remains optimistic about the future.

He wants to see more funding for technological development for lowering emissions, as well as better energy security and inde-



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Dr. Noah Diffenbaugh presented the audience with a model predicating climate changes.

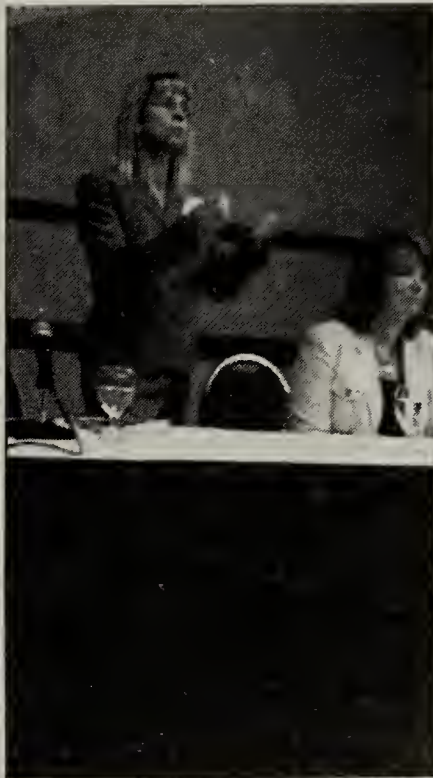
pendence for the US. Diffenbaugh would also like to see more energy derived from non-fossil fuels. He cites Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., as working to get these things done in government and knows that his model will be less accurate the more the country lowers its greenhouse emissions.

But Diffenbaugh explained that it's not a scientific problem, it's one that will come down to economic pressures.

"[Nothing will change] until we're really ready to accept the actual costs of our daily lives," said Diffenbaugh.

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Chronicle photo by Mike Witham

Majia Holmer Nadesan (left) and Mary Anne Neiner allowed audience members to share their experiences with autism during the discussion held April 6.

to remove pollutants from the body, is a potentially helpful but very dangerous treatment, she said.

Nadesan suggested that instead of devoting so much energy and money to the dis-

covery of autism-carrying genes, more resources should be dedicated to support autism patients and their families.

This sentiment was reiterated by Mary Anne Neiner who is the assistant director of More advanced individuals with Autism, Asperger's syndrome and Pervasive developmental disorders Services and who is also the mother of an autistic 16-year-old. MAAP is a local agency, based in Crown Point, which serves to educate interested parties about autism and how to help the autistic. MAAP is one of many such agencies worldwide and has been at work for 20 years.

Audience members shared their own personal experiences with autism, including one mother whose son was diagnosed as autistic at about 20 months old, a typical age of diagnosis. He had a 50-word vocabulary, but lost it. Both speakers were familiar with this phenomenon, a part of Childhood Disintegrative Disorder.

Both Neiner and Nadesan encouraged attendees to contact universities that might be able to offer treatment as part of the research and medical projects they undertake. The expense involved in treating autism is not always covered by insurance providers. Although Indiana offers an autism waiver, according to Neiner, only 400 children receive it while 10 thousand remain on a waiting list.

"We really hit on an important topic in our community," said Dean Dan Dunn, who opened the discussion.

Nicole Elisher, staff writer, contributed to this article.

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Administrative Services at Purdue University Calumet

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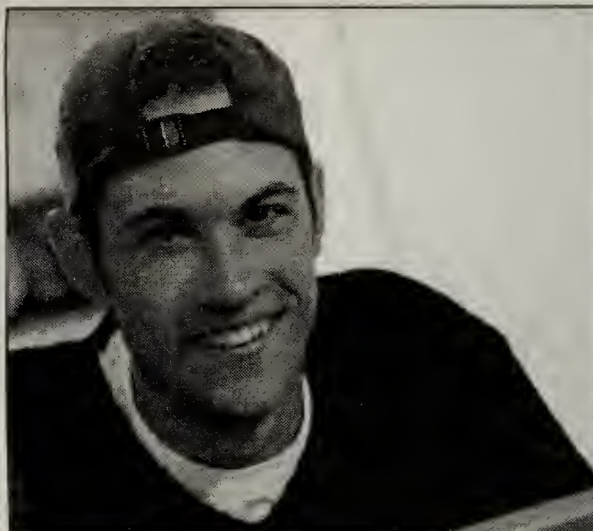
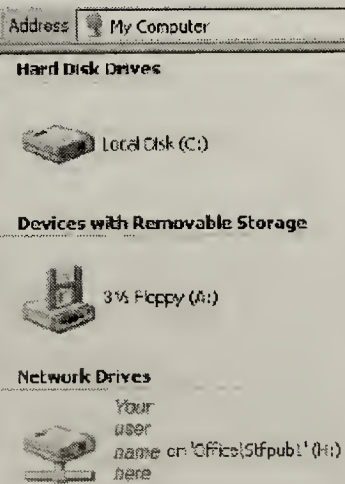
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Village residents are out of control

In Saudi Arabia, repeated theft is punishable by amputation of the right hand. Flogging is frequently used as a punishment for those caught publicly intoxicated. And people who purchase or distribute drugs are sentenced to death. According to Wikipedia.com, these strict laws are enforced under a doctrine of Wahabism.

Now we know that, to most of you, this may seem a little extreme. But, the crime rate in Saudi Arabia is relatively low.

However at PUC's University Village, the crime rate seems to be soaring. Thefts from residents cars and rooms, alcohol and drug use and many other questionable events all take place within the walls of the newly erected, \$16.5 million structure. Yet it appears as though very little is being done to correct these problems.

Now, we are not proposing university administrators engage in corporal punishment, but it is obvious that their current course of action is failing.

In an interview that took place between a Chronicle reporter and an administrator discussing the problem of students (especially underaged students) drinking at the UV, the administrator asked the reporter put nothing in the article that would make it appear as though university administration was going to act as "big brother" to the residents.

What are they so scared of? Making students afraid they might be caught and punished? What is so bad about that?

And, for the most part, we don't blame students for engaging in this type of behavior. What more would you expect from a college student who is out of the watchful eyes of their parents for the first time? They are young. They are going to test to rules. But once they find out that the rules can be broken with little or no consequences, of course they are going to continue to break them.

We blame the university. Because even though there are policies and a judicial process in effect to prevent and punish illegal activity, there seems to be too many inconsistencies with the way these cases are handled.

A Chronicle editorial board member, who is also a resident of the UV, recently attended a student forum sponsored by the SGA that allowed her the opportunity to question the administration about the problems at the Village. Their response included statements such as "we are working on it" and "don't believe everything you hear."

That is not good enough. The environment at the UV is out of control. And while the administration is "working on it," many residents are left feeling unsafe. And if you think that *The Chronicle* is sensationalizing the truth, why don't you go stand outside and talk to some of the residents for yourself. Or, pick up a copy of the Police Beat and look for the numerous offenses that happen at the UV. Then, ask yourself if you would want to live there.

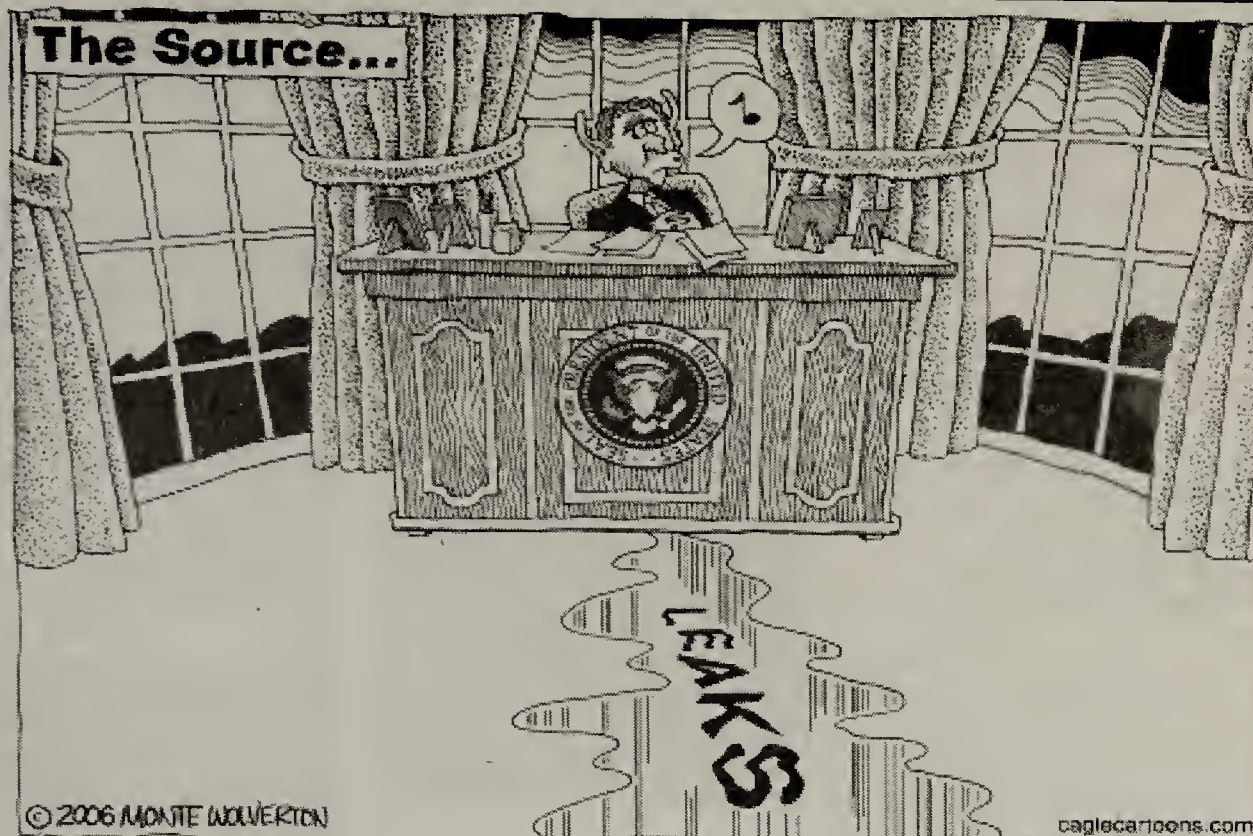
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Letters to the editor

I am a devoted reader of *The Chronicle*. I enjoy the diversity of topics, and relevancy to college life. After all, it is written by college students. After all *The Chronicle* has been through, they have withstood the test of time. Twenty-five years is amazing. Keep up the good work.

On another note, recently I have been upset with some of the editorials written about college students being lazy, irresponsible, and inadvertently stupid. I am speaking about the editorials written by Isabel Rodriguez, as well as the letter to the editor written by Greg Obi.

First off, Ms. Rodriguez, college students are not lazy and do care about their appearance. There are times when people are sick, tired, or late and they do not feel like dressing in a suit and tie to sit in a class filled with 30 people who don't care. The comfort and joy that come out of wearing flip-flops can not be experienced by some people due to their ritual of wearing closed-toe shoes all of their lives. The invention stems way back to

before Christ. Flip flops are not only for comfort; they serve many purposes. Among these purposes are convenience, style and price. I am sorry for hearing about your misfortunate events while wearing flip-flops, but should your misadventure be used as a catalyst to infuriate the student body? I mean, who wears flip-flops in winter with snow on the ground? I am a flip-flop freak and I don't.

Pajama pants and flip-flops are great. I am sorry you do not feel the same way, but a majority of students do.

Obi, the University Village is a horrible place to live and it is all due to the management. The arbitrary rules are not making us anymore secure; they are making us guinea pigs to their inexperienced management tactics. Do not call students irresponsible. We deal with a lot of stress. Who put you up to writing something so ignorant, [UV Housing Director] Kim Collins, with whom I saw you holding hands at a restaurant recently? Students do lock their things up, but keep in mind the individual whose groceries were

stolen out of his apartment didn't leave his doors unlocked, his roommate did. The individual whose car stereo was stolen, his car was locked. How much more responsibility do you want us to have? Real quickly, let's count how many cameras are on UV property. Not one, not two, not three, not four, not five but six cameras are supposed to be monitoring the premises.

Is it that the security officials are irresponsible? What more can we, the students at UV, do to make sure our personal belongings are safe? Please let us know, because the countless students at the Village I have spoken with are infuriated with your comments. We are all in the same boat, and we are all trying to survive this year. Until then, my door will be locked constantly until May 13, move-out day for students at the UV. Good tidings to you.

Randall Fitzgerald, freshman, political science

Dear Editor,

In his letter to you, Greg Obi, questions my motives and accuses me of negligence; charges which add insult to the loss of property I have already suffered.

First of all, let me respond to his contention that I was 'negligent': If locking one's car and parking it right beneath your own apartment in a 'secured parking lot monitored by closed circuit TV' (something which is prominently displayed in the first floor lobby) amounts to negligence then I plead guilty to Obi's charge.

Secondly, by stating that I 'conveniently' left my door unlocked he somehow tries to suggest that I may, in fact, have wanted this to occur. Let me reiterate that there is nothing convenient about having your hard-earned stuff stolen from you.

Which brings me to my original point: if leaving your door unlocked for 15 minutes is time enough for thieves to barge in and steal stuff, how can such a place be as safe and secure as Obi claims?

Doesn't the fact that two car stereos were stolen in exactly the same fashion within 3 days (and were reported to the police) indicate some kind of negligence on part of the authorities? Perhaps if they had stepped up the night-patrols after Amanda Buckner's radio was stolen on March 15, the culprits would not have the audacity to commit the same crime again?

And his allegation that *The Chronicle* publishes stories without due diligence is, from my experience, totally unfounded.

Siddharth Mishra,
Senior, electrical engineering

I was very disturbed today about something I witnessed in front of the CLO building. I, like many others, am very sensitive to cigarette smoke, especially when my sinuses are acting up. There were four students smoking in front of the CLO building, only one of whom had the courtesy to stand behind the garbage cans (where it is my understanding they are supposed to be). Two of the students were directly in front of the entrance and I was forced to hold my breath as I entered.

Here's what bothered me. The other smoker was in between the front doors and the garbage cans socializing with two PUC security guards. These guards made no attempt to direct the smokers to an appropriate distance.

This happened March 28 at 2:20 p.m.

David Murchek, graduate student, mathematics

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'Tick, tick, Boom!' explodes onto local scene

BRIAN KUTANOVSKI
Assistant Sports Editor

Hitting the age of 30 when you think you're 22 is like realizing you just lost eight years of your life. According to Jon (Kevin Bellamy), it might mean that you have been doing absolutely nothing for those past years.

In "Tick, tick Boom!," a musical play written by the renowned Jonathan Larsen, Jon finds himself in that dreadful and frightening situation as the years pass by with no accomplishments to show. Hence, the title of the play "tick, tick, Boom!" in which those sounds are the escalation of Jon's anxiety.

The Towle Community Theater in Hammond presented the Indiana State premiere of the musical "tick, tick Boom!" on March 24. Although the Towle is a small theater, it provides the essentials that allow the play to reach its maximum impact.

The sound is a perfect mix between band and vocals, which create an array of dynamics. The band (Valerie Webdell, Tom Perry, Don Parker, John Pruzin, Randy Jamrock), a vital part to the performance, brings life to the show with notes and melodies. They even interact with roles in the play, display-

ing the bands' diverse talents.

It shows that efficiency was well handled by director Jeff Casey. The three actors/actresses define diversity in their performances, as the exhibition of showmanship filled the theater. I would sometimes forget that only three performers were playing the roles of several.

The pressure lies heavily upon Jon, whose life encircles many decisions about friends, relationships, careers and living, which all have the potential to change his future as well as others. Jon's dream of being an actor/composer is threatened by time as his friends move forward to new and different scopes of life.

His best friend Michael (Bryan Conger), an actor with Jon in their younger days, forfeits acting and becomes a successful marketing executive. Michael tries hard to get Jon a job with him, but Jon realizes from the beginning it's not for him and does not take the marketing job seriously.

With his best friend disappointed and frustrated with him for not trying, Jon's girlfriend, Susan (Linda J. Wilczynski), makes matters worse. She tells him she wants to move to Cape Cod to start a decent life and can't wait any longer for him to make it big in the theater world. With Jon's upcoming "Workshop of SUPERBIA," the musical he's been working on for years, things quickly

start to fall apart as he clings to hope this workshop goes well, because it is all he has left.

Unfortunately, it's all taken away from him by his agent.

"Nothing happened, try harder next time," Jon was told in a disheartening fashion. This left his only option: quit his theater career and move on. However, Michael talks to Jon and gives him an inspiring speech about not quitting his dreams. Michael now knows how important it is to do what you want in life, considering he is sick and might not have one for much longer.

The next day Jon gets a surprising and life changing phone call from a composer/lyricist so famous he cannot be named (as said in the play) and tells Jon he likes his workshop. This transformation of Jon's life is the release of his anxiety, as his dreams become reality.

"Tick, tick, Boom!" is one of the most uplifting stories I have had a chance to experience. It shows good comes after the bad, even when you least expect it.

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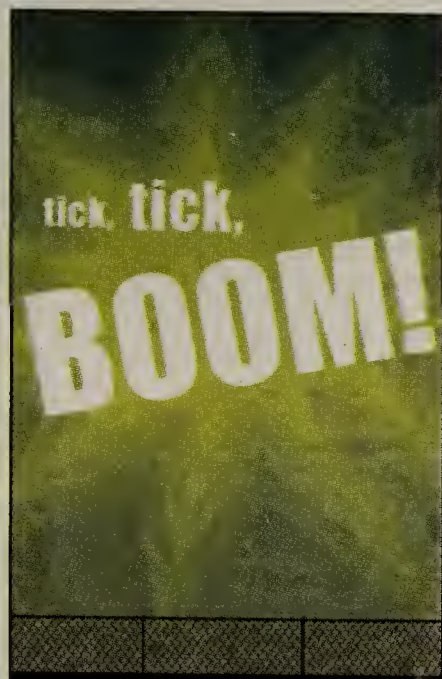


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Elizabeth's Random Fact of the Week

In Moulin Rouge, the green fairy was originally going to be a long-haired muscle man with a giant sitar, and Ozzy Osbourne was hired to provide the vocals. Instead, Kylie Minogue played a Tinker Bell like fairy. Osbourne does voice the scream when the fairy turns evil.



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In the March 27 issue of *The Chronicle*, PUC student film "From the North" was incorrectly titled. *The Chronicle* regrets this error.

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'Slither' drips with old-school campy horror

BY JADE LEE CULBERSON
Senior Staff Writer

"Slither" is a throw-back to classic '80s "B" horror films that entertain rather than take themselves too seriously. With gore galore and a wonderful performance by Nathan Fillion as small-town Sheriff Bill Parady, "Slither" combines aliens and zombies in a delightful - if sometimes unappetizing - combination.

First-time director James Gunn, screenwriter for the "Dawn of the Dead" remake, drenches audiences in entrails, alien slime, corpses and slug-birthing.

Grant (Michael Rooker) is a sexually frustrated husband wandering drunkenly through the Carolina forest with an old flame, Brenda (Brenda James). He finds a disgusting alien blob that was delivered by a meteor and becomes the host of an alien with a less than polite appetite.

Craving meat, he visits the local grocer for an enormous order from the butcher before kidnapping local pets. Eventually he has a

basement full of enough carcasses and meat scraps to make even the most avid meat-eater consider pasta for dinner.

His sexy schoolteacher wife Starla (Elizabeth Banks) is slow to realize anything is wrong. As his skin festers during his slow metamorphosis to something like an angry giant squid, she worries that perhaps Grant needs to see a doctor. As he sprouts tentacles, she says, "You're just sick, is all."

Sheriff Parady has a crush on Starla and takes the job of rescuing her seriously. Unfortunately however, zombie-cops, carnivorous deer and Grant's remaining obsession with Starla stand in his way.

Fillion is truly the star of this film. Those who saw him in space-western "Serenity" will recognize the brilliantly deadpan delivery of hilarious lines reminiscent of Malcolm Reynolds.

The aliens do different things to different people. They invade most citizens as blood-filled slugs that enter the brain through the mouth. The unluckiest become breeders - filled with huge amounts of eggs and suffering from a terrible hunger. Others become mindless,

though rather violent, zombies.

One of the most disturbing moments of the film is when teenage Kylie Strutemyer (Tania Saulnier) who is trying to escape, is urged by her mother - now a zombie - to join in "family fun day."

Gunn explores the old genres of alien and zombie films in new and wittier ways in "Slither." He also provides enough explanation for the presence of the aliens to keep the film from being too silly.

Air Supply's "Every Woman in the World" takes on a whole new meaning as it is heard several times during the film. "Slither" includes a love story between an alien-squid and his devoted wife.

If you liked "Tremors," "Re-Animator," "Evil Dead 2," or Peter Jackson's "Dead or Alive," "Slither" will be a refreshing reminder of what a joy campy horror can be. Rated R for strong horror violence, gore, and language, "Slither" should come with a "gross-out" warning. The movie is funny, but not for the faint of stomach.

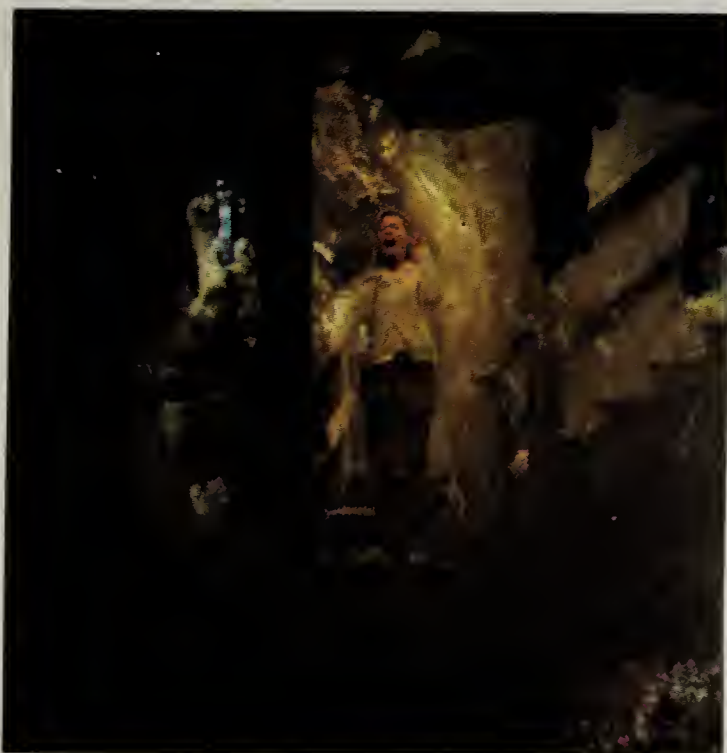


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While not for the squeemish, "Slither" reminds viewers of why campy horror movies will always have a place in theaters.

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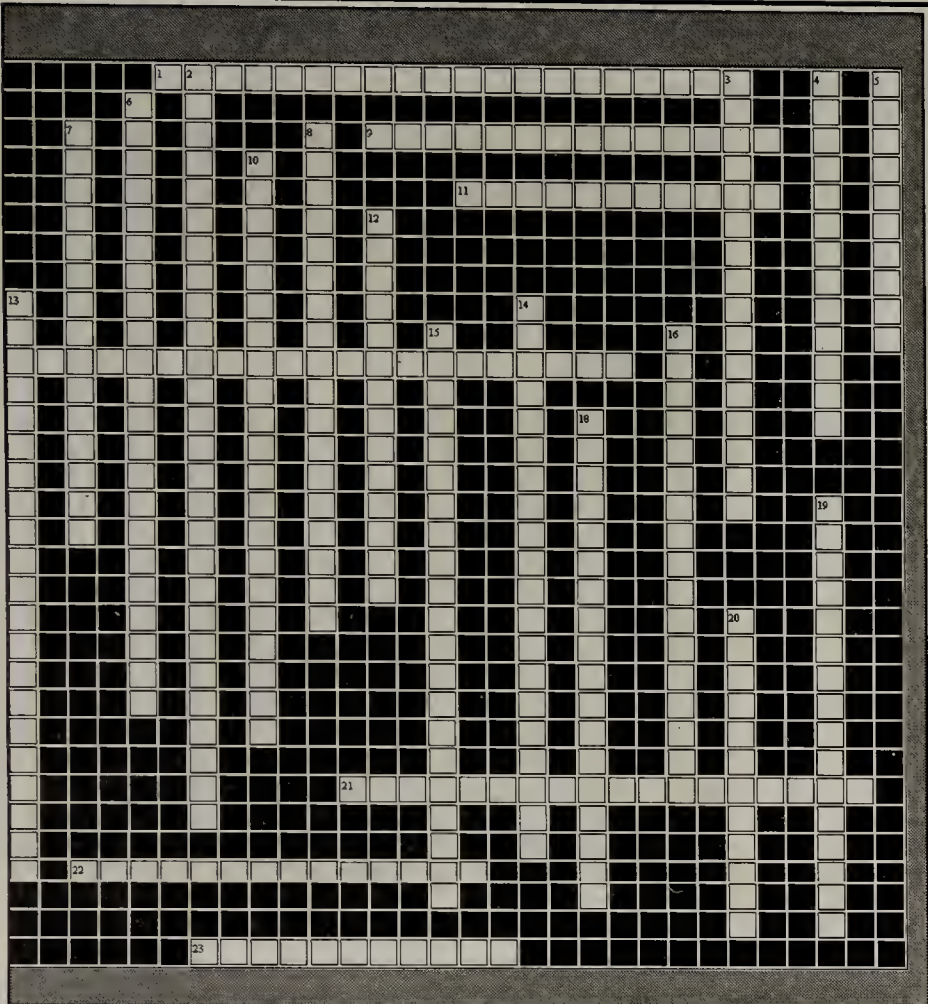
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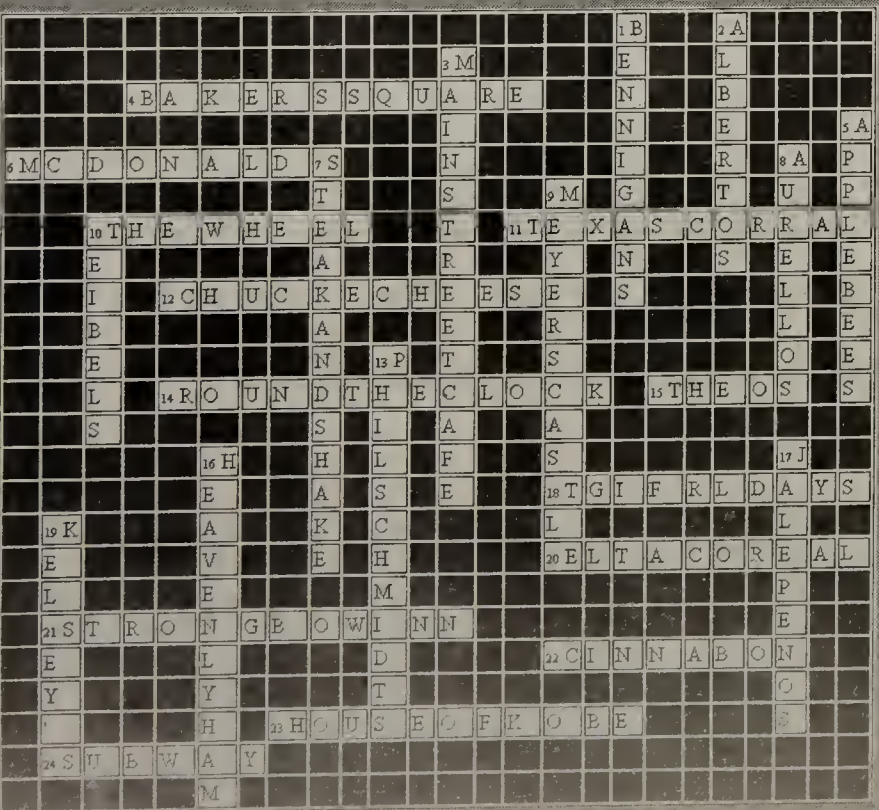
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- 9. A boy is transformed into a different world everytime he goes to sleep.
- 11. Deals with a cat that is immortal.
- 17. An auditorium is haunted by a theatrical ghost
- 21. A family is trapped at an amusement park.
- 22. Mud monsters in muddy creek.
- 23. Many Blatant encounters with mermaid

Down

- 2. A scarecrow comes to life.
- 3. A large school is haunted.
- 4. Hill house ishaunted by the ghost of a thirteen-year-old boy.
- 5. Juice on the thinker
- 6. A girl believes her librarian is really a monster
- 7. Involves the ghost of a canine.
- 8. A couple of kids lose their tourist group and get locked in a prison tower.
- 10. Slappy becomes wedded.
- 12. A halloween mask that will not come off.
- 13. A theme park goes array.
- 14. The villian is a werewolf.
- 15. Slappy the ventrilaquist dummy.
- 16. A locked room with strange growling noises.
- 18. A family is attacked by the undead.
- 19. A cursed camera that takes pictures of terrible events.
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Last week's Crossword Answers



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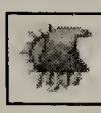
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Millie Marcos, psychology, senior



"Getting paid to do nothing."

Nikki Castro, pre-physical therapy, sophomore



"I'd like to work in the computer lab or just work in the school."

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The spotlight's on...



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Sigma Gamma Rho promotes sisterhood by offering its members opportunities to develop talents through leadership training and participation.

Sigma Gamma Rho

Theresa Keith
Staff Writer

In the midst of segregation, on the campus of Butler University, seven young black schoolteachers braved the racial storms and volatility of the times. They establish Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. on Nov. 12, 1922. An organization of women sharing a common goal, they embraced the principles of sisterhood, scholarship and service.

Today, the sorority transcends color lines and spans international borders. According to the latest update on www.wikipedia.com, it now has over 90 thousand members and more than 500 undergraduate and alumnae chapters throughout the United States, Bermuda, the Bahamas and Africa. The PUC Elite Eta Chi chapter is one of those.

"There are people from all different backgrounds, all different walks of life. We have African Americans, Mexicans, Asians, Puerto Ricans and Caucasians," said NaSchelle Simmons, president of the Elite Eta Chi Chapter. "It's really good to be able to go anywhere in the nation and have people who are your sisters. It's just the friendship and the love we have for each other."

To promote sisterhood, the organization offers its members the opportunity to develop their unique talents through leadership training and participation in sorority activities. This creates strong, long lasting friendships. On bonding night, the members get together and do all sorts of activities such as going to the movies or having social events like parties, tea and scrapbooking.

"It's really good for people who never had a sisterly feeling. I have a sister, but she's like 13," said Simmons. "And everyone wants the whole networking thing. And I would not be telling the truth if I tell you that the networking for a job isn't great."

The Elite Eta Chi chapter recently won first place in a dance contest of the Greek Organization Sorority and Fraternities while attending the Midwest Region conference, which is comprised of 13 states. Unity among all Greek letter organizations is pro-

moted through membership in the National Pan-Hellenic Council. Simmons added that PUC has the best Sigma Gamma Rho strollers in the region.

Since the sorority's founders were teachers who believed "self-respect, knowledge, and discipline gained through study" are an individual's duty and responsibility, high scholastic achievement is encouraged. Sigma Gamma Rho provides scholarships to its members who are in need of assistance. They also assist high school students with their upcoming college expenses.

"It helps other people, especially the young girls, because they feel like they're not so hopeless. They feel like they can do something and go somewhere," said Simmons. "We go to a lot of the urban schools and they love when we come to help them learn different things about life."

Recent activities include donating items to a teen mother at the New Beginnings Shelter, and a national project called Project Reassurance. The sorority also participated in Katrina Relief efforts last semester and will be involved in the March of Dimes on April 30.

Sigma Gamma Rho accepts members on both graduate and undergraduate levels. Graduates must have a degree from a four-year accredited educational institution. Undergraduate candidates are eligible after successful completion of one semester and a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

"Being in a sorority is the best. You can't beat it. But if you're interested in any of the sororities that are here on campus, it's always worth it," Simmons said. "Many people think it's not anymore. But it's the friendship, the bond and the networking that's really great."

The Elite Eta Chi Chapter has a total of nine sororities. Simmons said a lot of people are joining and finding out how wonderful their organization is.

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Bleacher bums, grab your Cubbie hats it's next year again

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

Sports Editor Brandon Thomas is an avid White Sox supporter. This is his analysis of the Cubs from a Sox fan's perspective.

Summer time is right around the corner and it seems to be "our year" again, if you are a Cubbie fan. Unfortunately, I will not be joining the festivities.

The north side of Chicago is once again filled with red, white and blue hopefuls ready to sit out in the bleachers drinking Budweiser and Old Style, and drunkenly singing during the seventh inning stretch.

Although Theodore Roosevelt was in office the last time a Cubs player fit a World Series ring on his finger, they seem to have most of the qualities necessary to compete against the better teams in the league.

With the off season acquisitions of Juan Pierre, Jacque Jones, Scott Eyre, Wade Miller, and Bob Howry, the Cubs vastly improved the shallow team of last season, without signing the usual washed up veterans with mediocre careers. This will most likely allow them to survive the large amount of injuries sustained by the same starters each year.

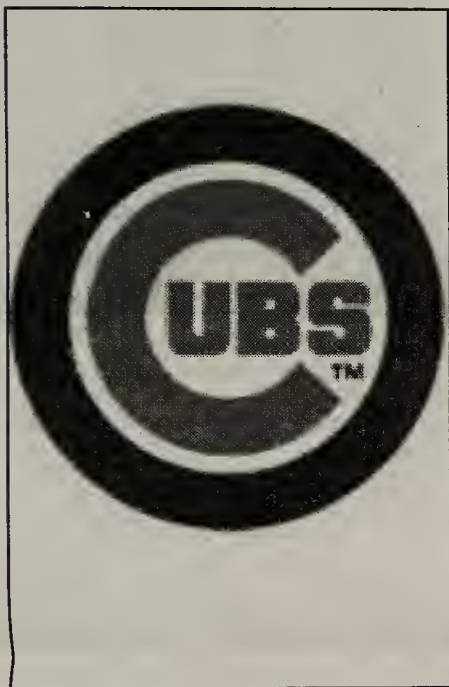
Pierr should create a leadoff spot that can get on base for the middle part of the order. Aramis Ramirez and Derek Lee combined for a .319 average and 77 homeruns last season, but did not have many people on base while they did it. A large amount of the Cub's defeats were scores such as; 2-1, 1-0 or 3-2. But run production should improve vastly, along with stolen bases and sacrifices. Additionally, look for Matt Murton to have a break-out year and add some more RBI's and homeruns to the heart of the lineup.

Another problem over the last few seasons has been the Cubs' lack of left handed pitching. With Glendon Rusch and Will Omen (who was far from being a solid relief pitcher) representing the only two south paws in the staff, the Cubs have had a major disadvantage against teams with solid left handed hitters. Scott Eyre is an established left-handed hurler who should allow them to pitch to hitters like Barry Bonds, Lance Berkman and Jim Edmonds in the later innings of games.

And how can I talk about the Cubs without talking about starting pitching? The 2003 season, when the North-siders went

deep into the playoffs, was epitomized by their stellar pitching staff. This crew has not changed much since that season, and they will provide some low scoring games so the Cubs will only have to manufacture three or four runs to win.

Carlos Zambrano has one of the toughest fastballs in the Major Leagues and should be in the running for the Cy Young award this season. Kerry Wood and Mark Prior, if healthy, are a couple of the best fastball/curveball pitchers I have seen in my



lifetime. And let's not forget one of the greatest finesse pitchers of all time, Greg Maddux, who will be an effective change of pace in the Cubs hard stuff rotation.

The question comes with the pitching staff. Can they stay healthy? The season began last week with Wood and Prior sitting next to each other on the disabled list. If the Cubs want to find themselves in the post-season this year, they will have to find a way to keep their two studs healthy or they will find themselves saying "We still have next year," once again.

But even as a lifelong White Sox fan, I will be the first to say that the Cubs are one of the better teams in the National League. As long as they can keep the disabled list short and Dusty Baker from puncturing his throat with a toothpick, we may even be seeing an el train series in Chicago.

White Sox will not repeat as champs in 2006

DAVID P. FUNK
Managing Editor

Managing editor David P. Funk is an avid Cubs supporter. This is his analysis of the Sox from a Cub fan's perspective.

When Brandon approached me about writing an analysis of the Sox from a Cub fan perspective, I jumped at the opportuni-



world, but he just put it all together last year. He has twice finished a season with an earned run average of more than five. The six foot four inch, 245 pound Cuban has had trouble learning the American game. His postseason last year was nice, but he won't do it again.

Jon Garland was raised a Cub, but we dumped him on you guys for a reason. He is a mediocre pitcher who overachieved last year. He's just over .500 for his career and has a lifetime earned run average of nearly four and a half runs.

Javier Vazquez is a very talented pitcher. I still think he's going to be a good one, and maybe even this year. But he and Buehrle won't be enough.

Now, the bullpen is the biggest chink in the White Sox's armor. Losing Orlando Hernandez, a playoff hero, was rough. Neal Cotts and Cliff Politte are solid, but they're not going to have the seasons they had last year. Politte won seven games in 2005, that's more than some starters.

Brandon McCarthy should be a starter because while the phenom may one day become a star in the American League, his progress isn't hastened sitting in the bullpen eating sunflower seeds.

Maybe the best pure hitter the Sox had last year is gone. Aaron Rowand is roaming centerfield in Philadelphia. He was replaced by a rookie who batted .176 in his 13 game call-up last fall.

Tadahito Iguchi will have to face the league a second time around and the pitchers all know him this time. He won't be the quality number two hitter he was.

Aside from those two, the lineup looks good again with the added thump of Thome. They'd better start hitting more home runs, though. They've only hit three this season. As much as they preached about "amall ball" last year, they finished third in the AL in home runs with over 200.

And as for Ozzie "I say what I want" Guillen, he is a clubhouse bomb waiting to explode.

Prediction: Guillen will say something negative about one of his players this year, causing a huge rift in the dugout and thus ruining the team's chemistry.

This team will be good, but not good enough to return to the World Series and they may even miss the playoffs.

ty. I thought it would be my time to get satirical and ridicule the South-siders.

But I can't seem to do it.

They won the World Series last year. They added Jim Thome to an already potent lineup. They added Javier Vazquez to an already impressive array of arms in the rotation.

However, I'm going to delve deeper into the roster and show how the Pale Hose will do in 2006. And they won't be repeating as champs.

We'll start with that rotation, because I believe pitching wins championships. Mark Buehrle is a pretty good pitcher. He's not the best ace in the league, but he can certainly hold his own with any opposing pitcher in baseball. Freddy Garcia fills the number two hole well, having finished six seasons with over 200 innings pitched. But that's where the rotation falls apart.

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NBA playoff picture remains unfocused

BRIAN BULTEMA
Staff Writer

The NBA season may be quickly coming to a halt but the playoff race is only now heating up.

With a half dozen games left on the regular season schedule for each team, four out of the 16 playoff spots are still up for grabs and each game carries significant weight with teams vying for a spot to battle in the postseason.

Particularly, the Eastern Conference is the one to set the TiVo to because five teams are still in contention for the number six, seven, and eight playoff spots.

The Milwaukee Bucks, the Indiana Pacers, the Chicago Bulls, the Philadelphia 76ers, and the Boston Celtics are all playoff hopefuls and each game sees a new team emerge as the favorite to clinch one of these three playoff spots. Lately, though, Boston and Philadelphia have struggled, both possessing a losing record in their last ten games.

The local favorite Chicago Bulls have resuscitated their playoff hopes by stringing together a four-game winning streak; including crucial wins against Boston, Indiana and Philadelphia.

After the Wednesday night win over Philadelphia, head coach Scott Skiles commented in the Chicago Tribune that, "Lately, my team appears to be growing as a team."

With this late season run, the Bulls have become a favorite for clinching the eighth and final playoff spot, or possibly making a run at the seventh or sixth spot. However, with final games against the likes of Philadelphia, New Jersey and Miami, the Bulls will be fortunate to nab any spot in the postseason, which begins in late April.

In the Western Conference the battle for the eighth playoff spot has the Sacramento Kings just one game up on the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets, who have dropped off as of late.

Since Sacramento acquired Ron Artest early last month the Kings have become a new team, turning in impressive performances against the Los Angeles Clippers and

the San Antonio Spurs.

But while the spotlight is currently not on the big guns, teams like the New Jersey Nets, the Detroit Pistons and the San Antonio Spurs will take center stage once again as the regular season comes to a close. Like giant volcanoes lying dormant, these teams have had their playoff positions locked and are preparing to shine once they begin in a couple of weeks.

But this has not stopped several of these teams from continuing their dominant style of play. The New Jersey Nets are currently the hottest team in the NBA at an impressive



Chicago Bulls Playoff Facts

- The 1985 Bulls, at 32-50, were the team with the worst record to ever make the playoffs.
- This season the Bulls are 35-41 with the playoffs coming up shortly, and currently hold the eighth and final spot in the eastern NBA conference.
- The Bulls only NBA championship victories were all won with the same Coach, Phil Jackson.

45-28, after a 13 game winning streak. The Detroit Pistons and the Cleveland Cavaliers have also put together notable nine out of ten game runs, ending their seasons in style.

Unlike last year when the teams in the eastern conference lacked significant talent

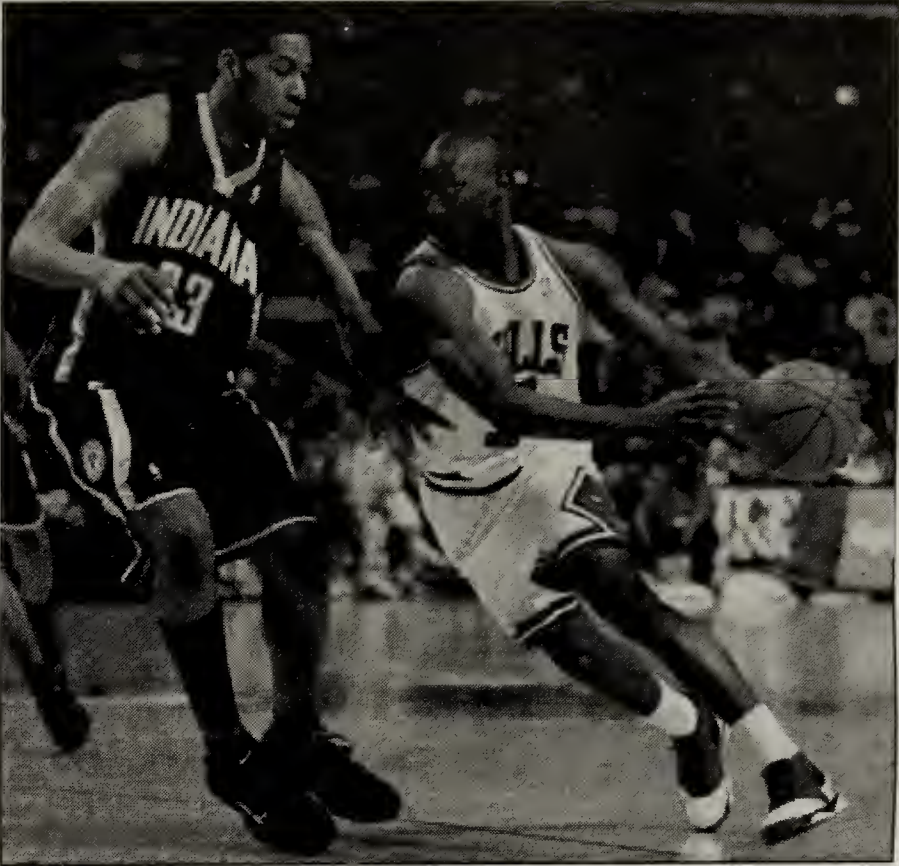


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The Bulls, along with many other teams in the Eastern Conference, are uncertain whether or not they will be contending in the NBA playoffs this year. Chicago should be in the running for a seventh or eighth spot.

and chemistry, it seems that this year the balances rest equally. Miami, New Jersey, and Detroit all look unstoppable in the eastern conference and seem to possess more chemistry with few roster changes on their teams. San Antonio, Phoenix and Dallas are once again the powerhouses in the West, bringing much of the same talent which helped them dominate the playoffs last season.

As each team tries to gain a psychological edge over their opponent, every game from now until the end of the playoffs becomes decisive.

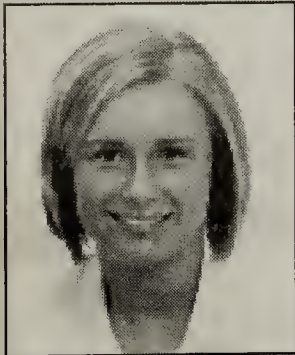
"Tell me a game that's not important," said Greg Popovich, head coach of the defending champion San Antonio Spurs, in an interview with the San Antonio Express-

News.

"I'll just answer it that way. There's a reason why every game is important."

As the standings are today, every team in the Bulls' Eastern Central division will be making the playoffs. Detroit would be the number one seed, Cleveland would be the fourth, Milwaukee the sixth, The Pacers the seventh and the Bulls the eighth.

Batter up with PUC softball



Name: Amanda LeVin #7

Class: Freshman

Position: pitcher/third base

Major: Nursing

High School: Lake Central

Favorite Food: Chicken

Fast Fact: has a terrific sense of humor



Name: Lacy Holevis #8

Class: Junior

Position: pitcher/short stop

Major: Nursing

High School: Crown Point

Favorite Food: Chocolate

Fast fact: enjoys listening to ganster rap.

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Bowling season down to the wire

BRANDON THOMAS
Sports Editor

Tuesday night marked the first round of the bowling playoffs. The teams battled with a subtle competitive spirit. But the desire for victory was not hidden far beneath the skin of these fun loving warriors.

every bowler, there is one player that stands out among the other three.

"Marcus is our biggest strength," Bruce said humbly, "He's our leader."

Marcus Summers, a PUC basketball player, has asserted himself into the leadership role with the Gutter Balls. But it might take more than leadership for the Gutter Balls to upset the top seeds in the finals next Tuesday.



Chronicle Photo by Brandon Thomas

Michael Curtis, who nearly bowled a perfect game last intramural bowling season, led the way once again for his number one seeded Weavage Wannabe's, as the team continues to blaze a trail into the finals.

Teams	Points	GP	Wins	Losses
Spare Me	6	2	2	0
Weavage Wannabes	6	2	2	0
PUC Strikers	6	2	2	0
Stooges	3	2	2	1
"Team FlapJack"	2	2	2	1
Gutter Balls	0	2	0	2
Baked Alaska	0	2	0	2
Hammond Bears	0	2	0	2

The band of bowlers is a mixed balance of students and faculty members. The talent though, is widely dispersed. A great example was discovered in the match between the number one seeded Weavage Wannabe's and the number four seeded Gutterballs.

Senior Daniel Bruce described his team (Gutter Balls) as being talented but lacking the consistency needed to be noticed as one of the top teams. Although the team is dependent on the collective consistency of

On the other hand, there is the first place Weavage Wannabe. Who, on the contrary, is lead by PUC head of Audio Visual Michael Curtis. Curtis is the celebrity among the perennial bowlers at PUC for his near perfect game last season, and with his average consistently around 200 it will be very hard for any team to pull off an upset.

"All I have to do is bowl over 200," Curtis said when asked about their chances in Tuesday night's affair.

The test should be in the final round next week on whether he can maintain his average and take the championship for the Weavage Wannabe's.

Also enlisted in the final four tournament next week are number two seeded Spare Me and the number three seeded PUC Strikers.

The results for this match should prove to be very interesting as the two teams battled each other on Tuesday very closely

These teams will fight for the chance to

play the winner of the first bracket. And while the winner of this match should prove that they have the chemistry and talent needed to face the number one seed. But, the task will be very high as the team that ends up on top will have to play Curtis and the Weavage Wannabes who have put together an impressive season.



Brandon Thomas' trivia question

Who is the shortest player to win a slam dunk contest in NBA basketball?

Last Week's Trivia Question Answer
Ty Cobb with a .367 lifetime batting average

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